CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. A method for controlling received electronic message storage comprising:

receiving a message with sender identification at a messaging client controlling storage of

a plurality of messages for an intended recipient in a message storage system;

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detecting a usage percentage of a capacity of said message storage system;

comparing said sender identifier and said usage percentage with at least one criteria for

blocking messages as specified by said intended recipient; and

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responsive to said sender identifier at said usage percentage meeting said criteria for

blocking, blocking said message from said message storage system, such that said intended

recipient is enabled to specify blocking preferences which are implemented by said messaging

client to avoid exceeding storage capacity with unread messages.

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2. The method according to claim 1 for controlling received electronic message storage, wherein detecting a usage percentage further comprises:

detecting said usage percentage of said capacity of said message storage system, wherein

5 said message storage system is a folder from among a plurality of folders for storing messages in said message storage system.

3. The method according to claim 1 for controlling received electronic message storage, wherein receiving a message with sender identification further comprises:

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receiving an electronic mail message wherein said sender identification comprises an electronic mail address.

4. The method according to claim 1 for controlling received electronic message storage,

15 wherein comparing said sender identifier and said usage percentage with said at least one criteria further comprises:

comparing said sender identifier with a plurality of sender identifiers each designated by said intended recipient to be blocked when a particular usage percentage is reached.

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5.   The method according to claim 1 for controlling received electronic message storage,

wherein comparing said sender identifier and said usage percentage with said at least one criteria

further comprises:

5   comparing said sender identifier with a plurality of sender identifiers each designated to

be excepted from blocking when a particular usage percentage is reached.

6.   The method according to claim 1 for controlling received electronic message storage,

further comprising:

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controlling an interface for said intended recipient to specify said at least one criteria.

7.   A system for controlling received electronic message storage comprising:

15   a messaging client communicatively connected to a network for facilitating receipt of new

messages over said network for an intended recipient, said messaging client further comprising a

message storage system for storing a plurality of messages for said intended recipient;

said messaging client further comprising:

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means for receiving, for said intended recipient, a new message with a sender

identification;

means for detecting a usage percentage of a capacity of said message storage system;

5   means for comparing said sender identifier and said usage percentage with at least one

criteria for blocking messages as specified by said intended recipient; and

responsive to said sender identifier at said usage percentage meeting said criteria for

blocking, blocking said new message from said message storage system.

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8.   The system according to claim 7 for controlling received electronic message storage,

wherein said means for detecting a usage percentage further comprises:

means for detecting said usage percentage of said capacity of a folder from among a

15   plurality of folders for storing messages in said message storage system.

9.   The system according to claim 7 for controlling received electronic message storage,

wherein said means for receiving a message with sender identification further comprises:

20   means for receiving an electronic mail message wherein said sender identification

comprises an electronic mail address.

10.   The system according to claim 7 for controlling received electronic message storage, wherein said means for comparing said sender identifier and said usage percentage with said at least one criteria further comprises:

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means for comparing said sender identifier with a plurality of sender identifiers each designated by said intended recipient to be blocked when a particular usage percentage is reached.

10   11.   The system according to claim 7 for controlling received electronic message storage, wherein said means for comparing said sender identifier and said usage percentage with said at least one criteria further comprises:

means for comparing said sender identifier with a plurality of sender identifiers each

15   designated to be excepted from blocking when a particular usage percentage is reached.

12.   The system according to claim 7 for controlling received electronic message storage, further comprising:

20   means for controlling an interface for said intended recipient to specify said at least one criteria.

13.   A computer program product, residing on a computer readable medium, for controlling

received electronic message storage comprising:

5   means for enabling receipt of a message with sender identification at a messaging client

controlling storage of a plurality of messages for an intended recipient in a message storage

system;

means for detecting a usage percentage of a capacity of said message storage system;

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means for comparing said sender identifier and said usage percentage with at least one

criteria for blocking messages as specified by said intended recipient; and

means, responsive to said sender identifier at said usage percentage meeting said criteria

15   for blocking, for blocking said message from said message storage system.

14.   The computer program product according to claim 13 for controlling received electronic

message storage, wherein said means for detecting a usage percentage further comprise:

20   means for detecting said usage percentage of said capacity of a folder from among a

plurality of folders for storing messages in said message storage system.

15.   The computer program product according to claim 13 for controlling received electronic

message storage, wherein said means for enabling receipt of a message with sender identification

further comprises:

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means for enabling receipt of an electronic mail message wherein said sender

identification comprises an electronic mail address.

16.   The computer program product according to claim 13 for controlling received electronic

10   message storage, wherein said means for comparing said sender identifier and said usage

percentage with said at least one criteria further comprises:

means for comparing said sender identifier with a plurality of sender identifiers each

designated by said intended recipient to be blocked when a particular usage percentage is

15   reached.

17.   The computer program product according to claim 13 for controlling received electronic

message storage, wherein said means for comparing said sender identifier and said usage

percentage with said at least one criteria further comprises:

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means for comparing said sender identifier with a plurality of sender identifiers each

designated to be excepted from blocking when a particular usage percentage is reached.

18.   The computer program product according to claim 13 for controlling received electronic

message storage, further comprising:

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means for controlling an interface for said intended recipient to specify said at least one

criteria.

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